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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Jung, Birgit et al) Art Unit: 1652
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inflammatory conditions
Docket No. : 1/1177

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
WITH PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2003. Submitted herewith is: (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including February 4, 2004, together with the necessary fee; (2) a copy of the stamped reply postcard mailed April 18, 2003; and (3) a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement (substitute for form 1449/PTO) mailed April 18, 2003. In addition, applicants also request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) and hereby authorize that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.